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TAGS: OTRA (SEN, BHOLA NATH)

SUBJ: VISIT TO US OF WEST BENGAL MINISTER FOR PUBLIC
WORKS AND HOUSING BHOLA NATH SEN

1. ACCORDING TO REPORT IN BASUMATI (MAY 21), WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS ACCURATE, BHOLA NATH SEN, WEST BENGAL MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CMDA), IS PLANNING TO VISIT WASHINGTON AT THE END OF MAY TO DISCUSS WORLD BANK LOANS FOR THE CMDA. HE MAY REPORT-EDLY ALSO VISIT UK AND FRG TO DISCUSS SECOND HOOGHLY BRIDGE WITH CONSULTANTS IN THOSE COUNTRIES. WE PER-CEIVE NO OBJECTION TO GRANTING HIM A VISA SHOULD HE APPLY FOR ONE.

2. FOR STATE: SEN IS SUFFERING FROM GLAUCOMA, AND IS APPARENTLY IN SERIOUS DANGER OF GOING BLIND. IN THE PAST WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT WHEN HE NEXT WENT TO THE US, HE MIGHT WISH TO RECEIVE TREATMENT FOR HIS CONDI-TION AT AMERICAN HOSPITAL. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO FIND OUT WHETHER HE IS INTERESTED IN SUCH TREATMENT AT THIS TIME, AND MAY REQUEST DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING FOR IT. IN THE MEANTIME WE WOULD APPRECIATE A LIST OF FACILITIES SPECIALIZING IN GLAUCOMA TREATMENT THAT WE MIGHT PASS ON TO SEN IF HE REQUESTS IT.

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3. SEN HAS BEEN A GOOD CONTACT FOR CONSULATE, AND HAS
MET WITH A NUMBER OF VISITORS TO CALCUTTA, INCLUDING
CEQ CHAIRMAN RUSSELL PETERSON AND MAYOR CHARLES STENVIG
OF MINNEAPOLIS.
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